

# SOUTHWELL MINSTER VIRTUAL JUNIOR CHURCH

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Epiphany 2

**Welcome** Isabel, Bridget, Phoebe, James, Isaac, Lucas, younger James and any other young friends who may be joining us at Minster Virtual Junior Church.  
(Victoria speaking)

Let's begin by thinking about each other as if we are together.



And as we do this let's pray for each other, for our families, for our friends and for everyone who is affected by the coronavirus.

Just have a moment of quiet looking at the candle and remembering that Jesus is the light of the world, and he is with us.

Today we will be looking at friendship. Do you know what the special friends of Jesus are called? Special friends can have special names such as 'best' friend or 'bestie'. Not all friends are people. Two of my best friends are my dog, Tertia, and my teddy bear whose name is Teddy Blue Eyes. I tell them all sorts of things, but they rarely say anything in return. Both of them are really good at cuddling though. Another friend I have, and he is your friend too, is Jesus. We can tell Jesus anything we like - all the fun we have had, what is upsetting or frightening us, what we would like to happen. We know that Jesus is listening to us and that he loves us very much. Today's Bible reading is about how Jesus met two of his special friends. Did you know the answer to the question at the beginning? The special friends of Jesus are called disciples.

# John 1:43-51

Contemporary English Version

## Jesus Chooses Philip and Nathanael

**43-44** The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. There he met Philip, who was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Jesus said to Philip, "Come with me."

**45** Philip then found Nathanael and said, "We have found the one that Moses and the Prophets wrote about. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth."

**46** Nathanael asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

Philip answered, "Come and see."

**47** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said, "Here is a true descendant of our ancestor Israel. And he isn't deceitful."

**48** "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

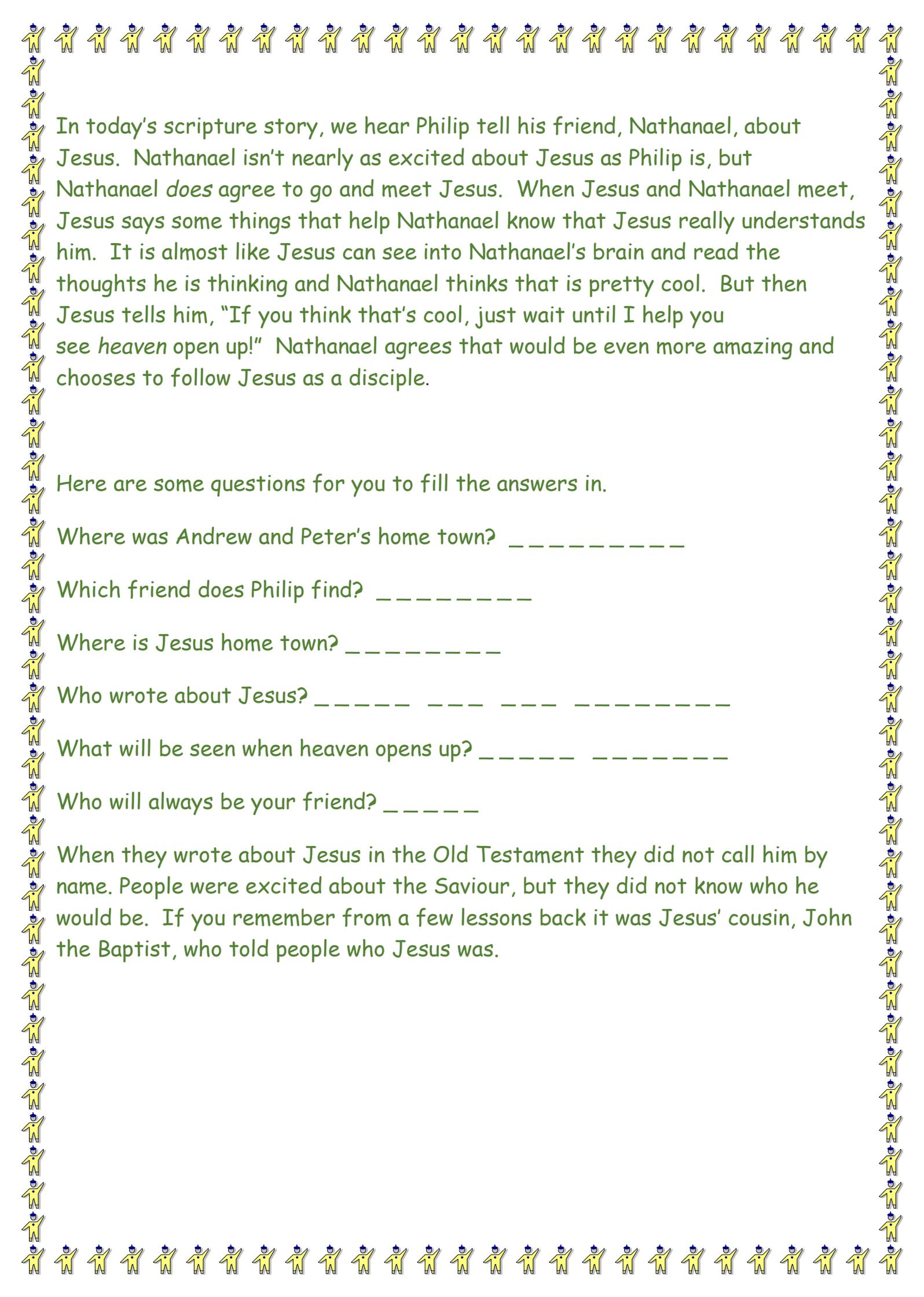
Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

**49** Nathanael said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God and the King of Israel!"

**50** Jesus answered, "Did you believe me just because I said that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see something even greater. I tell you for certain that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man."



Philip Brings Nathaniel To Jesus by Harold Copping



In today's scripture story, we hear Philip tell his friend, Nathanael, about Jesus. Nathanael isn't nearly as excited about Jesus as Philip is, but Nathanael *does* agree to go and meet Jesus. When Jesus and Nathanael meet, Jesus says some things that help Nathanael know that Jesus really understands him. It is almost like Jesus can see into Nathanael's brain and read the thoughts he is thinking and Nathanael thinks that is pretty cool. But then Jesus tells him, "If you think that's cool, just wait until I help you see heaven open up!" Nathanael agrees that would be even more amazing and chooses to follow Jesus as a disciple.

Here are some questions for you to fill the answers in.

Where was Andrew and Peter's home town? \_\_\_\_\_

Which friend does Philip find? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is Jesus home town? \_\_\_\_\_

Who wrote about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be seen when heaven opens up? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will always be your friend? \_\_\_\_\_

When they wrote about Jesus in the Old Testament they did not call him by name. People were excited about the Saviour, but they did not know who he would be. If you remember from a few lessons back it was Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, who told people who Jesus was.





**Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."**

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# Color the Christmas Angels

Color in the image by coloring: 1. Yellow 2. Blue 3. Purple 4. Green



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